

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1245

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR EAID ECEN PGOV PORG LA  
SUBJECT: UN EMERGENCY EFFORT FOR DROUGHT RELIEF IN LAOS

REF: A VIENTIANE 0809 DTG 050950Z MAY 77 NOTAL,  
B VIENTIANE 1019 DTG 080445Z JUL 77 NOTAL,  
C VIENTIANE 1093 DTG 260500Z JUL 77 NOTAL,  
D VIENTIANE 1244 DTG 310900Z AUG 77

1. REFERENCES A, B AND C DESCRIBE BACKGROUND TO  
REFERENCE D.

2. COMMENT ON REFERENCE D: THOUGH NOT ADDRESSED IN  
THE REPORT, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAVE  
AGGRAVATED THE FOOD SHORTAGE IN THELPDR. AN  
AGRICULTURAL TAX IMPOSED AT THE TIME OF THE LAST RICE  
HARVEST PLUS GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON FREE MARKET  
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SALES OF LOCAL PRODUCE IN URBAN MARKETS DISCOURAGED  
FARMERS FROM HEAVY PLANTING OF RICE IN 1977.

3. THE ACTING UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US  
THAT LAOS' RICE NEED WAS COMPUTED ON THE BASIS OF A  
POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR LAOS OF 3.5 MILLION. AS NOTED  
REF A, A UNDP STATISTICIAN IN VIENTIANE ESTIMATED THE

LAO POPULATION AT ONLY 2.9 MILLIOM. IT WOULD APPEAR  
THAT THE REPORT'S ESTIMATE PLACING LAO RICE NEEDS AT  
367,500 TONS MIGHT BE INFLATED BY APPROXIMATELY 17  
PERCENT.  
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